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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EMIN UNCTAD IEGC  
SUBJ: UNCTAD COMMODITIES: COPPER: PREPARATIONS FOR FOURTH  
SESSION, INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS

REF: STATE 167972

1. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS PROVIDED ADVANCE COPY OF FOLLOWING  
PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING:

- (1) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- (2) IDENTIFICATION OF THE POSSIBLE ECONOMIC ELEMENTS  
FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT ON COPPER
- (3) FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SUCH OTHER  
MEASURES AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE MEANTIME
- (4) FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION  
BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF COPPER, INCLUDING A  
POSSIBLE PRODUCER/CONSUMER FORUM.

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(5) OTHER BUSINESS.

UNDER ITEM 2, ANNOTATIONS NOTE THAT A CHILEAN PAPER PREPARED  
FOR CIPEC ENTITLED "ESTIMATES FOR A COPPER BUFFER STOCK"  
WILL BE CIRCULATED AS WELL AS SECRETARIAT NOTE REGARDING  
THE PROJECT FOR STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE STABILIZATION ARRANGE-  
MENTS. (NOTE: AGENDA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED GENERAL

CIRCULATION).

2. MISSION OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING WITH UNCTAD MINERALS DIVISION CHIEF DAWSON, STAFF ECONOMIST DELLA VALLE WHO IS DRAFTING SECRETARIAT NOTE AND KNOTE OF FRG CURRENTLY ATTENDING TUNGSTEN MEETING. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL HAS BEEN PASSED TO KNOTE WHO WILL RETURN TO BONN OVER WEEKEND. AGENDA WAS ALSO REVIEWED AND GERMANS ARE NOW MORE CONCERNED THAT MEETING WILL BECOME POLITICIZED. THEY ARE THEREFORE SEEKING TO HAVE OBERNOLTE WHO HEADED DELS TO PREPARATORY MEETINGS HEAD DEL TO AUGUST MEETING TOO. KNOTE WILL BE ON VACATION DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. DAWSON WAS TYPICALLY VERY CAUTIOUS IN HIS DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING. HE INDICATED COPY OF CIPEC PAPER SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND THAT SECRETARIAT PAPER IS IN EARLY DRAFTING STAGES (CONFIRMED BY DELLA VALLE). US DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS WERE USED AS BASIS FOR EXPLANATION OF THRUST OF US APPROACH. DAWSON INDICATED US VIEW ON WORK PROGRAM APPEARED TO BE SIMILAR TO SECRETARIAT'S BUT SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO CIRCULATE US PAPER AS WORKING DOCUMENT. WHEN QUERIED AS TO CONTACTS HE MAY HAVE HAD WITH PRODUCERS REGARDING APPROACH TO WORK PROGRAM, HE SUGGESTED SEVERAL MAY SIMPLY ALLOW WORK TO PROCEED BUT WITHOUT THEIR ENDORSEMENT. SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS  
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REGARDING COSTS AND TIMING IF EXTERNAL EXPERTISE IS TO BE USED WITH BREAKDOWN OF INTERNAL VERSUS EXTERNAL WORK DEPENDENT ON SCOPE OF APPROVED WORK PROGRAM. CONTACTS WITH WHARTON, CRU AND CRA INDICATE END-OF-YEAR COMPLETION AT EARLIEST FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL STUDY. SECRETARIAT IS THUS CONCERNED ABOUT NOVEMBER MEETING AND DAWSON GAVE INDICATIONS OF TRYING EITHER TO FIND AREAS FOR DISCUSSION NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO STUDIES OR FOR SECRETARIAT ITSELF TO COMPLETE CERTAIN WORK BY NOVEMBER.

4. DELLA VALLE WILL TRY TO PROVIDE MISSION WITH DRAFT OF HIS PAPER. HE HAS BROKEN IT DOWN INTO THREE GENERAL AREAS-- DIRECT EFFECTS DERIVING FROM EACH OF THE THREE STABILIZATION OPTIONS, INDIRECT EFFECTS AND INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FINAL STATUS OF HIS DRAFT. DAWSON INITIALLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A BROAD PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE NARROWED BY WORKING GROUP. RECENTLY HE SEEMED TO BE UNDER ORDERS TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL WHICH IS NARROWER IN SCOPE WITH LESS EMPHASIS ON THE INDIRECT EFFECTS IN DEVELOPING PRODUCING COUNTRIES. WITH DELLA VALLE'S DRAFT IN HAND IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DETECT SHIFTS IN EMPHASIS BY SECRETARIAT. DELLA VALLE IS STILL CONVINCED CRA CAN DO THE BEST JOB. CRU

PROMISES THEY CAN DO ANYTHING IN ANY SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD WHICH LEAVES HIM VERY SKEPTICAL. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE WHARTON HAS THE MICROANALYTICAL CAPABILITY OR COPPER INDUSTRY EXPERTISE COMPARABLE TO CRA. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES WHARTON (PARTICULARLY BEHRMAN) HAS BEEN MORE FAVORABLE TOWARD THE IPC AND THINKS SECRETARIAT MAY LEAN TOWARD WHARTON DESPITE HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CRA. (DAWSON CLAIMS IT IS UP TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL HIMSELF TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON SUCH MATTERS).

5. DELLA VALLE'S OBSERVATIONS RAISE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT US SPECIFICATIONS. HIS DRAFT WILL COVER ALL POINTS IN US DRAFT BUT SOME OF THESE MAY BE DELETED, E.G., SECOND POINT IN PART I ON SUPPLY RESPONSE. HOW HAVING THE US DRAFT WILL CONFIDENTIAL

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AFFECT DAWSON'S DECISIONS IS UNPREDICTABLE BUT FIRST CRACK AT DELLA VALLE'S DRAFT WILL BE BY KIRTHISINGHA WHO IS VERY PRO PRODUCERS. AN ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM IS THAT UNLESS US REQUESTS CIRCULATION OF ITS SPECIFICATIONS VERY SOON, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR SECRETARIAT TO GET IT OUT IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES BY THE TIME OF THE MEETING. ON BALANCE MISSION BELIEVES IT BEST TO HOLD US SPECIFICATIONS IN RESERVE UNTIL SECRETARIAT NOTE IS CIRCULATED. IF THERE ARE GAPS US CAN ALWAYS TABLE ITS ADDITIONS FOR CIRCULATION INCLUDING POSSIBLY SPANISH AND FRENCH TEXTS. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT COPY OF US SPECIFICATION OFFICIALLY TO DAWSON AS PER INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 1 OF REFTTEL AND WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN COPIES OF CIPEC AND DELLA VALLE PAPERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. BONN. PLEASE PROTECT INFORMATION FROM DELLA VALLE. WHILE SOME ELEMENTS OF MISSION'S DISCUSSION HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH GERMANS, EXTENT OF DELLA VALLE'S COOPERATION WITH MISSION IS NOT KNOWN TO THEM. VANDEN HEUVEL

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